ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A radio communication system for quickly selecting an optimum transmission mode in accordance with the quality and situation of a propagation path is provided. system comprises first and second radio communication apparatuses capable of radio-communicating with each other. first radio communication apparatus comprises a The propagation path environment estimator for outputting the propagation path environment estimation result as 10 information, a propagation path quality estimator for outputting the estimation result as propagation path quality, and a transmitter for transmitting both the informations to the second radio communication apparatus. second radio communication apparatus comprises a 15 transmission mode selector for selecting one of the transmission modes used for communicating with the first radio communication.